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1. SUMMARY - TENTH SESSION OF FRANCO-SOVIET GRANDE COMMISSION
TOOK PLACE IN MOSCOW JULY 4-7. FRENCH DELEGATION, LED BY
MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND TRADE JEAN-PIERRE FOURCADE, WAS JOINED
BY STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE NORBERT SEGARD. SOVIET TEAM
WAS HEADED BY STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CHAIR-
MAN VLADIMIR KIRILLIN AND INCLUDED FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER
PATOLICHEV. FORMAL SESSIONS FOCUSED ON STATUS OF JOINT RESEARCH
PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS OF COMMUNICATIONS, CIVIL AVIATION,
CONSTRUCTION, TECHNOLOGY FOR AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND HEALTH CARE. ACCELERATED EFFORTS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR
REALIZING "CONCRETE INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION
MEETINGS
WITH PATOLICHEV, VARIOUS COMPENSATION PROJECTS WERE REVIEWED.
FRANCE WILL SUPPLY EQUIPMENT FOR KAMAZ DIESEL ENGINE PLANT AND,
APPARENTLY, MACHINERY FOR TEN "SECTIONS" OF UST-ILLIM PULP/
PAPER COMPLEX. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS FRENCH ORGANIZATIONS
(I.E. PECHINEY) "INTEND" TO COOPERATE WITH SOVIETS IN CONSTRUCTION
OF ALUMINUM COMPLEX FOR PRODUCING ANNUALLY ONE MILLION TONS
ALUMINA AND 500 THOUSAND TONS ALUMINUM. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS
WITH PATOLICHEV AND KIRILLIN, FOURCADE WAS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN KOSYGIN JULY 7 FOR "FRIENDLY" EXCHANGE OF
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VIEWS ON DEVELOPING FRANCO-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND

"SEVERAL PROBLEMS" OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.
END SUMMARY

2. BOTH SIDES NOTED AT BEGINNING OF TALKS THAT FRANCO-SOVIET TRADE DEVELOPING MOST SATISFACTORILY, LARGELY DUE TO FAVORABLE FOUNDATIONS LAID BY 1975 TEN-YEAR AGREEMENT ON INDUSTRIAL, ECONOMIC, AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION PLUS VARIOUS AGREEMENTS OAACHED AT LAST DECEMBER'S FRANCO-SOVIET SUMMIT TALKS. 1974 TRADE TURNOVER BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES REPORTEDLY REACHED 941 MILLION RUBLES (ALMOST \$1.4 BILLION), UP 30 PERCENT OVER 1973 TOTAL OF 721 MILLION RUBLES. THIS INCREASE MAKES FRANCE SOVIET UNION'S THIRD LARGEST WESTERN TRADING PARTNER, AFTER FRG AND FINLAND.

3. IN GREA OF JOINT RESEARCH, COMMISSION NOTED THAT WIDE RANGE OF THEORETICAL AND APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, INCLUDING WORK IN SUCH DIVERSE AREAS AS: COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING TELEPHONE, RADIO, AND TELEVISION); CIVIL AVIATION; CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDING TOWN PLANNING, ARCHITECTURE, AND -- PARTICULARLY -- HOTEL CONSTRUCTION); APPLICATION OF COMPUTERS TO PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT; RESOURCES OF WORLD OCEANS; TECHNOLOGY FOR AGRICULTURE; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; AND HEALTH CARE. COMMISSION REGARDS FOLLOWING AS PROMISING AREAS FOR FUTURE POSSIBLE JOINT RESEARCH: TURBINES, DIESEL ENGINES, OIL/GAS INDUSTRIES, AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CHEMICAL PRODUCTS.

4. COMMITTEE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT MANY RESEARCH PROJECTS HAVE DEVELOPED INTO CONCRETE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. NOTABLE EXAMPLES ARE: COOPERATION BETWEEN FRENCH FIRM CIT-ALKATEL (PHONETIC) AND SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT OF NUMERICALLY-CONTROLLED MACHINE TOOLS, AND EXPERIMENTAL DRILLING OF OIL WELLS USING "HOSE CABLE" PROCESS, DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY SOVIET OIL-EXTRACTION ASSOCIATION "KYUBYSHENEFT" AND FRENCH INSTITUTE OF PETROLEUM. COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT IN INTERIM BEFORE NEXT SESSION IN SUMMER OF 1976 PETITE COMMISSION DEVOTE ATTENTION TO FURTHER AREAS WHERE RESEARCH CAN BE ACCELERATED (ESPECIALLY ELECTRIC POWER AND GEOLOGY) AND FIND PRACTICAL UTILIZATION IN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS.

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5. AS OFFSHOOT OF COMMISSION'S SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES, AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED JULY 7 BETWEEN CHAIRMAN OF INTERKOSMOS, B. PETROV, ND FRENCH NATIONAL CENTER FOR SPACE RESEARCH HEAD M. LEVY ON PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING "PROMISING DIRECTIONS" FOR FRANCO-SOVIET COOPERATION IN STUDY AND UTILIZATION OF SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THIS AGREEMENT ENCOMPASSES FOLLOWING AREAS: MAGNITOSPHERE AND IONOSPHERE, HIGH ENERGY ASTRNOMY, ULTRA-VILOET AND INFRA-RED ASTRONOMY, RADIO ASTRONOMY,

STUDY OF MOON AND PLANETS, GEODESY, TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERIMENTS AND RESEARCH INTO BEHAVIOR OF MATERIALS IN SPACE, AND SPACE COMMUNICATIONS.

6. ON TRADE, AT LEAST TWO SESSIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN FOURCADE AND SEGARD AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV. TALKS CENTERED AROUND REVIEW OF FULFILLMENT OF VARIOUS AGREEMENTS ON TRADE/ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION SIGNED AT RAMBOUILLET LAST DECEMBER DURING BREZHNEV'S VISIT. MAJOR ATTENTION DURING MEETINGS WAS DIRECTED TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LARGE-SCALE COMPENSATION PROJECTS, ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES NOTED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF FRANCO-SOVIET TRADE COOPERATION SHOULD LEAD NOT ONLY TO STABLE GROWTH IN MUTUAL DELIVERIES BUT SHOULD ALSO HAVE GOAL OF ATTRACTING NEW-TO-MARKET SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED FRENCH FIRMS INTO THEIR BILATERAL TRADE.

7. SPECIFICS OF TRADE TALKS INCLUDED AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING: FRANCE WILL DELIVER EQUIPMENT FOR KAMAZ DIESEL FACTORY AND IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE AS WELL CONTRACT FOR SUPPLYING "TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT" FOR TEN SECTIONS OF UST-ILIM PULP/PAPER COMPLEX. FRANCO-SOVIET JOINT PROJECT TO DEVELOP AND PRYJNUCE NUMERICALLY-CONTROLLED MACHINE TOOLS IS UNDERWAY. FRENCH ORGANIZATIONS (I.E., PECHINEY) "INTEND" TO COOPERATE WITH SOVIETS IN CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR ALUMINUM COMPLEX, CXQRANUNLIANNUALLY ONE MILLION TONS OF ALUMINA AND 500 THOUSAND TONS OF ALUMINUM. OTHER AREAS IN WHICH PROJECTS ARE OR WILL SOON BE UNDERWAY INCLUDE MACHINEBUILDING AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES. IN LATTER JOINT COOPERATION IS EXPECTED IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW (UNSPECIFIED) CHEMICAL PRODUCTS.

8. ON JULY 7 FOURCADE WAS RECEIVED BY KOSYGIN. ALSO ATTENDING ON SOVIET SIDE WERE KIRILLIN AND PATOLICHEV AND ON FRENCH SEGARD AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR MOSCOW VIMONT. SPECIFICS DISCUSSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT KOSYGIN MEETING ARE AS YET UNKNOWN TO US, BUT VIMONT TELLS US THAT MEETING WAS HELD IN EXTREMELY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND CENTERED AROUND DUAL SUBJECTS OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FRANCO-SOVIET COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

9. ACCORDING TO VIMONT, TASS JULY 2 ATTACK ON PONIATOWSKY WAS NOT MENTIONED DURING THE COURSE OF THE COMMISSION MEETING AND IN NO WAY INFLUENCED ITS DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WAS VERY SATISFACTORY. VIMONT SAID SOVIETS MADE MANY POSITIVE REFERENCES DURING COURSE OF TALK TO GISCARD'S UPCOMING VISIT IN OCTOBER. FRENCH HAVE FEELING THAT GISCARD VISIT WAS IMPORTANT FACTOR IN MAKING GRANDE COMMISSION MEETING "VERY SUCCESSFUL.

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